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PATENT APPLICATION**

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APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VALIDATING INTERFACE ADDRESSES

the specification of which is identified by the attorney (IBM) docket number below:

☒ under Attorney Docket Number: **RPS920030218US1**
☒ as U.S. Serial Number: **10/748,063**
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Number	Country	Filing Date	Yes	No
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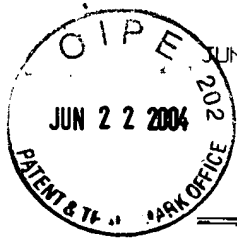
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